



PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 08049.0008

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Oscar Lee AVANT et al.) Group Art Unit: 3653
Application No.: 09/652,709) Examiner: Daniel K. SCHLAK
Filed: August 31, 2000)
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS)
FOR IDENTIFYING AND)
PROCESSING MAIL USING AN)
IDENTIFICATION CODE)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, and 5 in the above-captioned application be amended by adding the label -- PRIOR ART -- to each Figure. The changes are indicated in red on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings.

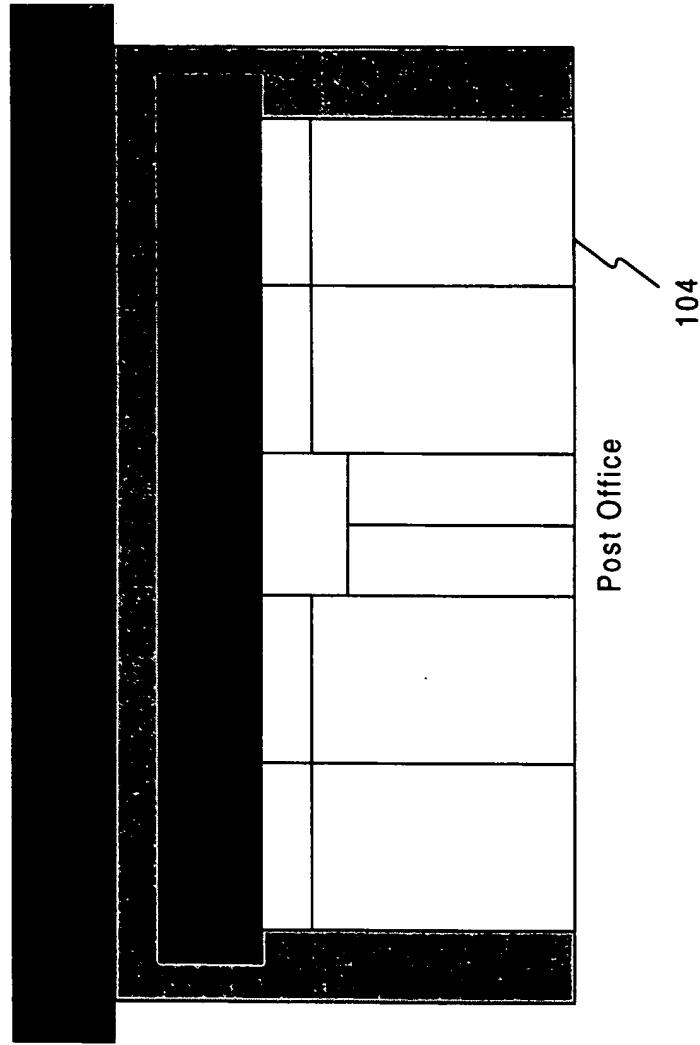
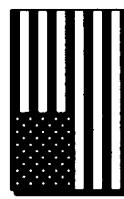
Upon approval of the proposed changes, applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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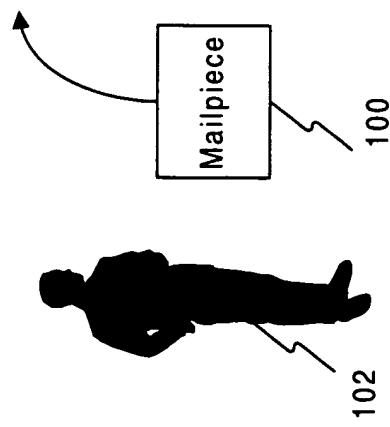
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-- PRIOR ART --

FIG. 1



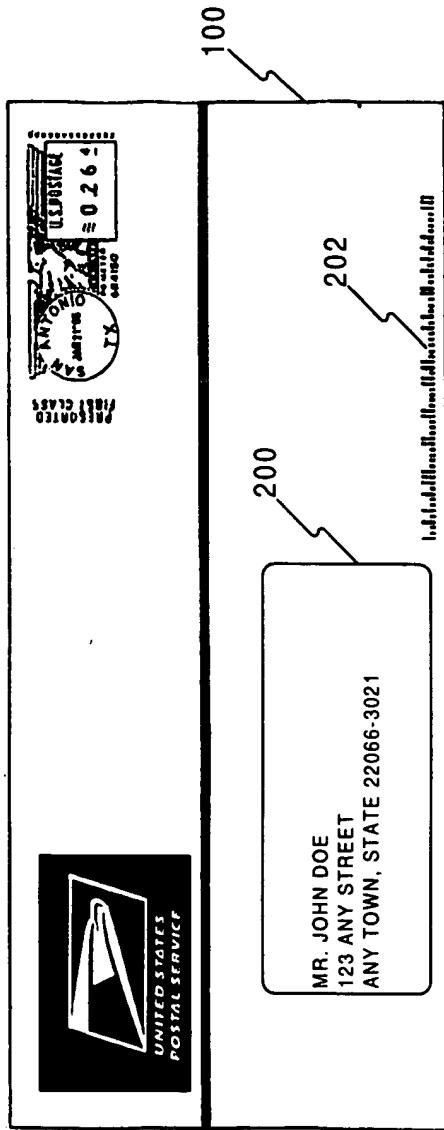


FIG. 2A -- PRIOR ART --

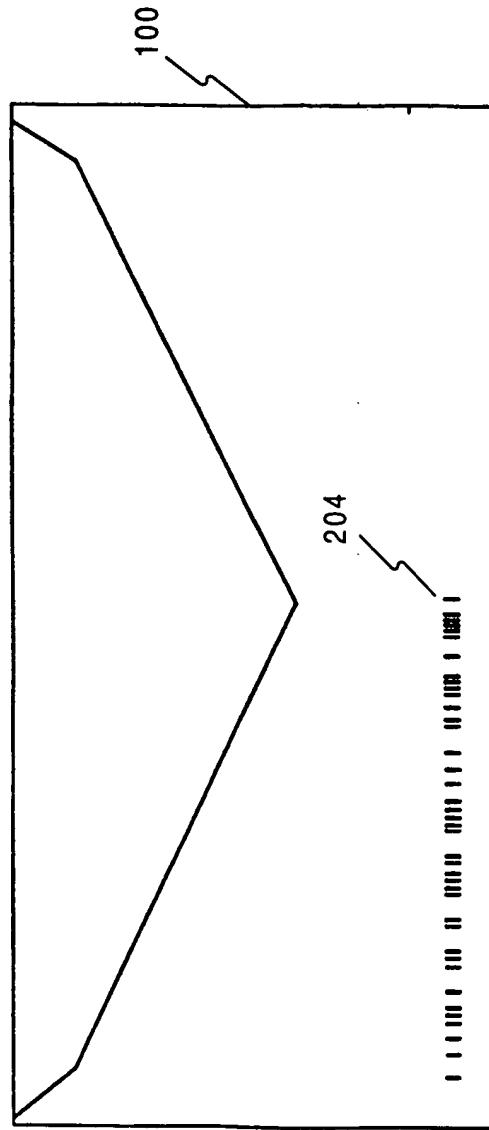


FIG. 2B -- PRIOR ART --

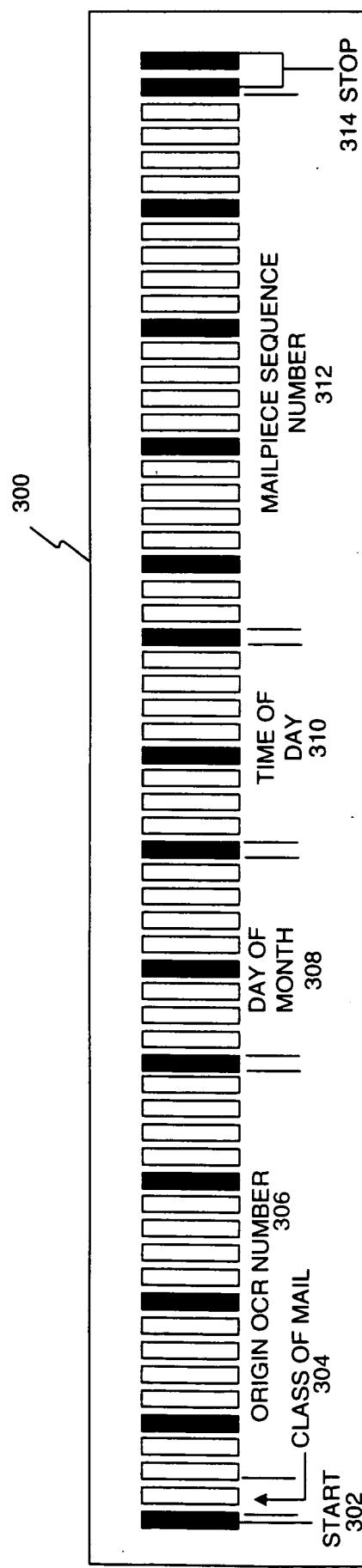


FIG. 3 -- PRIOR ART --

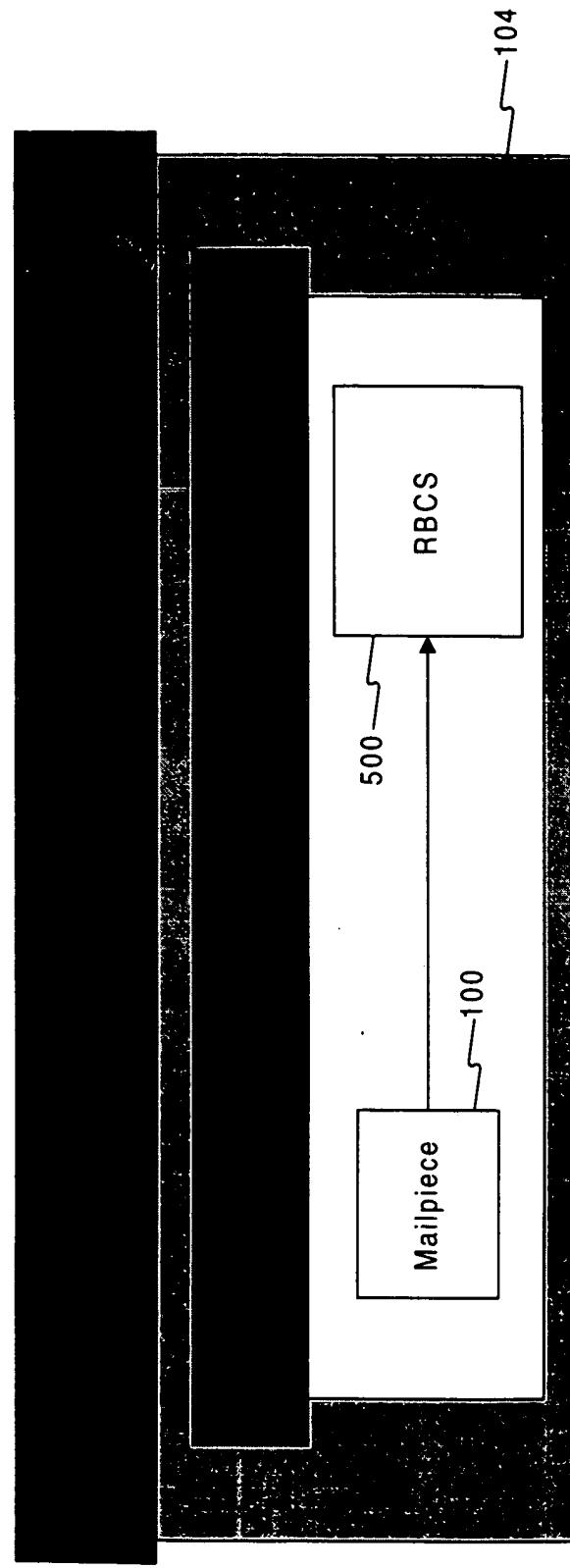


FIG. 4A -- PRIOR ART --

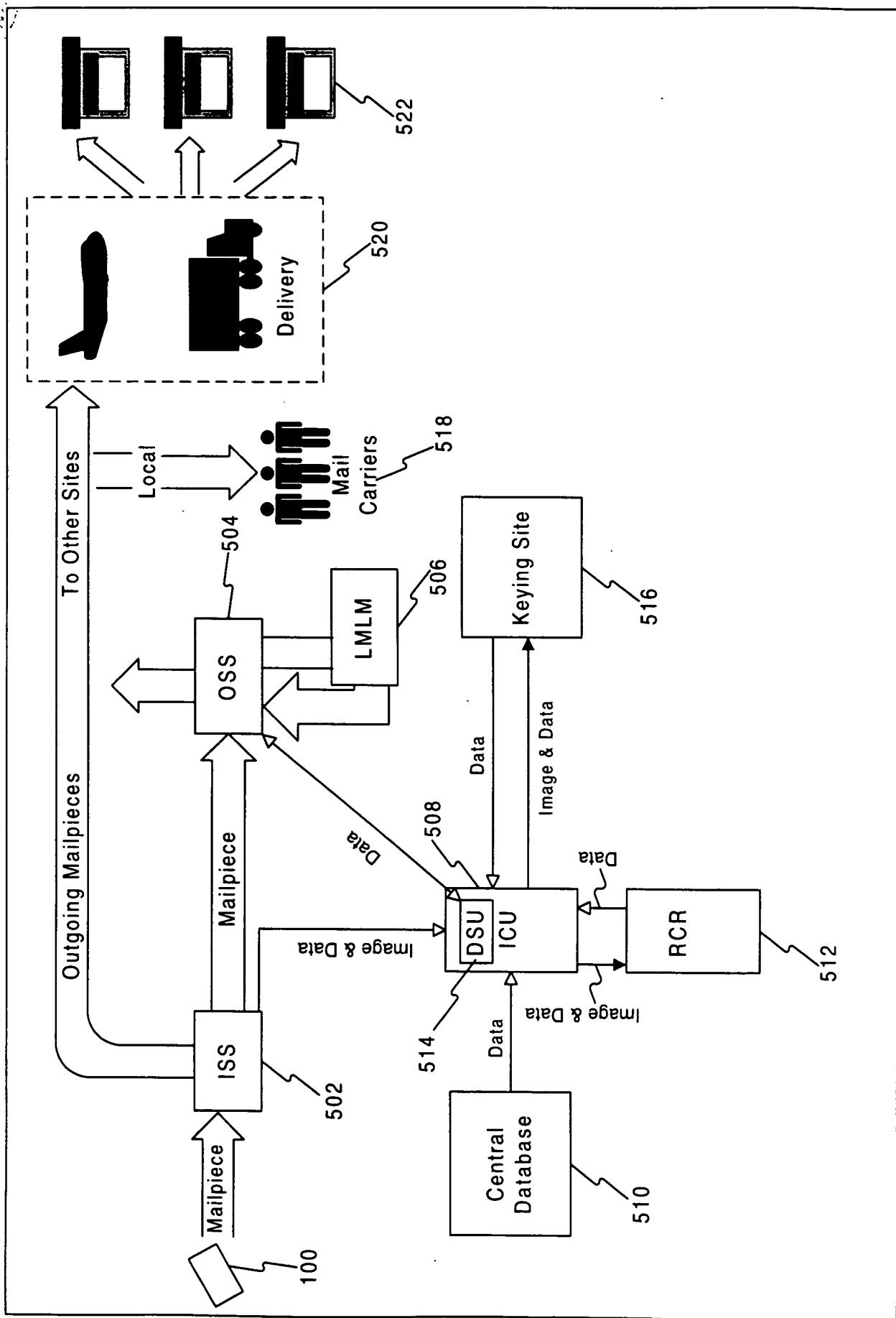


FIG. 5 -- PRIOR ART --